

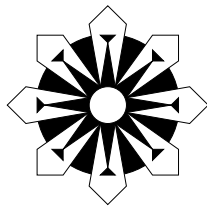
**EXCELLENCE  
FOR  
MINORITY  
ACHIEVEMENT  
RECOGNITION  
2002**

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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***Excellence for Minority Achievement Award***

*In education, as in all other of life's arenas, diversity is a true constant. Thus, attributes, such as race, ethnicity, gender, disability, and economic status, all impact our lives both individually and collectively. Students do not enter schools from monolithic backgrounds, nor should their experiences in schools reflect isolated cultural contexts. Educators and community must act with the conviction that all students, regardless of background, can achieve. This belief is essential for their success today and in the future .* Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick

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The Excellence for Minority Achievement Awards celebrate those individuals or groups who make outstanding contributions in striving to promote equity in educational opportunity for all students during their lives in school and beyond. In the year 2000, the awards came under the authority of the Achievement Initiative for Maryland's Minority Students (AIMMS) Council and Steering Committee. These groups were formed to advise and assist the Maryland State Department of Education in its work to increase achievement among minority students and ultimately eliminate existing achievement gaps.

This annual awards program was established to inspire educators and the public in their efforts to enhance minority achievement as well as to reaffirm the tremendous potential of Maryland's minority students. The Council voted unanimously to name the award in honor of State Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick for her resolute commitment to this issue. Throughout her career Dr. Grasmick has worked diligently to promote equitable outcomes among all students and to close gaps that exist in achievement among diverse groups of students.

The Maryland State Department of Education and the AIMMS Council and Steering Committee also gratefully acknowledge the founding sponsors of the Excellence Awards: The Maryland State Commission on Human Relations, the Baltimore County League of Women Voters, the Maryland State NAACP, and the Maryland Business Roundtable. Gratitude is also extended to the Baltimore County Public Schools and Mr. Jeffrey Lifton, Ms. Joyce Kashima, and Mr. Kai Jackson for cooperation in this effort. Finally, these awards would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the corporate sponsors: **Baltimore Sunpapers, Comcast, Constellation Energy Group (BGE), 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Bank, Harcourt Supplemental Publishers, Legg Mason, Lockheed Martin, Sylvan Learning Foundation, Whiting-Turner, and Verizon.** We salute these organizations and businesses for their continued support of educational excellence for all students.

Barbara Dezmon, Chair  
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## ***EXCELLENCE FOR MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS***

### ***"This Is the Moment"***

**October 11, 2002**

**Welcome and Recognition of Sponsors      Mr. Richard Steinke**

**Grace      Dr. A. Skipp Sanders**

**Dinner**

#### **The Awards Program**

**Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Kai Jackson, WJZ TV**

**A Gift for All      Dr. Barbara Dezmon**

**Remarks      Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick**

#### **Awards Presentations**

- **AIMMS Scholarship Awards**
- **AIMMS-UMBC Teacher Scholar Awards**
- **Chair Awards**
- **Vanguard Awards**
  
- **Walter Sondheim Award to George L. Russell, Jr.**
  
- **Excellence Awards Local School System Educators and Community**



# **Excellence for Minority Achievement Awards**

## **Meet the Award Recipients**

The Excellence for Minority Achievement Awards recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting student excellence through equity in education at either the local or state levels. The awards have been organized into the following categories.

**AIMMS Scholarship Awards**

**AIMMS-UMBC Teacher Scholar Awards**

**Chair Awards**

**Vanguard Awards**

**Walter Sondheim Award**

**Excellence and Merit Awards to Local School System  
Educators and Community**



# **AIMMS Excellence Scholarship Awards**

The **AIMMS Excellence Scholarships** recognize high school students who have demonstrated academic success as well as made significant contributions to better understanding and appreciation among diverse groups. Diverse groups include race/ethnicity, gender, age, disability, or poverty. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a junior in a Maryland public high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average. The student must also intend to pursue his or her education beyond high school at a postsecondary institution.

<b>Nicole LaVert</b>	<b>Anne Arundel County Public Schools</b>
<b>Taneeka Staples</b>	<b>Baltimore City Public Schools</b>
<b>Karen Boone</b>	<b>Baltimore County Public Schools</b>
<b>Christina Lee</b>	<b>Caroline County Public Schools</b>
<b>Melissa Henry</b>	<b>Cecil County Public Schools</b>
<b>Shari Allen</b>	<b>Charles County Public Schools</b>
<b>Malcolm Ambush</b>	<b>Frederick County Public Schools</b>
<b>Devan Dewitt</b>	<b>Harford County Public Schools</b>
<b>Kavita Sethi</b>	<b>Montgomery County Public Schools</b>
<b>Stephanie Lam</b>	<b>Washington County Public Schools</b>



## **AIMMS-UMBC Teacher Scholar Awards**

In collaboration with the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), this award recognizes outstanding teacher education students from throughout the state who have excelled academically as well as demonstrated commitment to the success of diverse groups of students and students from backgrounds that may include challenges. These awards include graduate scholarships from UMBC.

**Lisa Bell**

**Kai Cunningham**

**Sharon Gough**

**Lee Howard**

**Kimberly Johnson**

**Terri-Ann Jones**

**Mary Miller**

**Melanie Rebottini**

**DeBajier Tucker**

**Susan Ward**



## **THE EXCELLENCE CHAIR AWARDS**

On behalf of the Achievement Initiative for Maryland's Minority Students Steering Committee, the Chair recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding support and assistance to minority students. In their efforts to advance educational equity, they have established models to be admired and emulated throughout the state.

**Mr. Michael and Mrs. Patricia Briscoe**

**Dr. JoAnn Cason**

**Dr. John H. Cox**

**Mr. Edward Cozzolino**

**Dr. Lorraine Fulton**

**Ms. Coretta Goldsborough**

**Ms. Sarah Horsey**

**Ms. Lynne Newsome**

**Mr. Michael M. Powell**

**Dr. Patricia Richardson**

**Dr. Debra Suarez**





## **THE VANGUARD AWARDS**

The Vanguard Awards are given to those individuals or groups who have demonstrated extraordinary vision and leadership to advance the success of minority students throughout the state of Maryland.

**Ms. Luwanda Jenkins**

**Dr. Rita Robinson**

**Ms. Anita Rozenel**

**Dr. Carolyn Wood**

**Mrs. Natalie Woodson**



## WALTER SONDHEIM AWARD

The Walter Sondheim Award is a lifetime achievement award named in honor of Mr. Sondheim for his exemplary leadership throughout his life to promote equity in education for all students. In order to receive this award, an individual must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication over years to heighten the accomplishments of students from diverse backgrounds. This year's recipient, Mr. George L. Russell, Jr., truly exemplifies the spirit of this award.



**George L. Russell, Jr.**, who is currently an attorney with the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, is renowned for both his stellar legal contributions as well as his humanitarianism. Along with distinguished military service, for which he was recognized for Outstanding Service to the U.S. Army in Europe, Mr. Russell completed his law degree in 1954. Afterwards, he was admitted to practice in courts that over the years have ranged from the Court of Appeals of Maryland to the United States Supreme Court. In addition to his work as an attorney, he has been an Associate Judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Mr. Russell is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Fellows of the Maryland Bar Foundation Award for Professional Legal Excellence, *Baltimore Magazine's* designation as one of the top lawyers in Maryland and one of the 200 Most Memorable Citizens of the Millennium, the Award for Invaluable Pro Bono Legal Services to the NAACP, the first Annual Heritage Award by American Legacy Magazine, the Distinguished Graduate Award from the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association, and the Freedoms First Award from the Monumental City Bar Foundation. He has served as Director with the Constellation Energy Group and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore Branch.

George L. Russell's life and career are further distinguished by a number of firsts. Mr. Russell was the first African American to sit on the Circuit Court and the Appellate Court in Maryland. He was the first African American to serve as City Solicitor for Baltimore City. He was the first African American to be President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. He was also the first African American elected delegate from Maryland to the American Bar Association as well as to the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is also one of the founders of The Harbor Bank of Maryland.

Mr. Russell has committed his entire life's work to enriching the lives of others. He has dedicated many of his energies to forwarding education, particularly among those who often find themselves voiceless in society. He sincerely believes that, in order to secure a better future, all people must continue to learn from lessons of the past and those whose preceded them. Thus, he has spent an extraordinary amount of his time and physical resources in the last few years as Chair of the Maryland Museum of African American History and Culture. It is Mr. Russell's dream that when this museum opens its doors in downtown Baltimore, it will stand as a monument to a culture and a people as well as a beacon of promise for the future for all those who enter.

## **THE EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**

Each subdivision is eligible to receive up to two awards, one to an educator and one to an individual, community group, or business who made outstanding efforts to advance the success of students who reflect minority status, based on race/ethnicity, disability, or low socioeconomic backgrounds.

Nominated individuals or groups must have contributed significantly in at least one or more of the following areas:

- Academic and/or social support of a diverse student group(s)
- Promotion of positive intergroup relations
- Performance of service(s) to increase academic success among minority students
- Enhancement of curriculum, instruction, staff development, or resources to heighten achievement among diverse groups

These individuals and groups cited on these pages have been selected for their outstanding contributions to the enhancement of minority achievement in their local school systems and subdivisions.

Following the award recipients is a listing of individuals and groups who are recognized for their meritorious service on behalf of Maryland's students.

All of the above persons are commended for their invaluable contributions.

# EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT

*Anne Arundel County*

**Dr. Marge Kerman – Educator**

*Baltimore County*

**Ms. Clara Hayes – Community**

**Ms. Nicole Newman – Educator**

*Caroline County*

**Lockerman Alumni Association – Community**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Pinkett – Educator**

*Carroll County*

**Carroll Citizens for Racial Equality – Community**

**Ms. Patricia Levroney – Educator**

*Cecil County*

**Pastor Alfred Reeves – Community**

**Mr. Robert L. Davis – Educator**

*Charles County*

**Twelve Good Men Elite Club – Community**

**Barnhart's Instructional Leadership Team – Educator**

*Dorchester County*

**COGATE – Community**

*Frederick County*

**Frederick Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity – Community**

**Ms. Denise Fargo-Devine – Educator**

*Garrett County*

**Mead Westvaco – Community**

*Harford County*

**Ms. Allyn A. Watson – Educator**

*Howard County*

**Dr. Kimberly Ann Statham – Educator**

*Kent County*

**Math & Science Camp Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls – Community**  
**Mr. Gordon Sampson – Educator**

*Montgomery County*

**Ms. Yuko Wildman – Community**  
**Ms. Dedra Salitrik – Educator**

*Prince George's County*

**Ms. Marian White-Hood – Educator**

*St. Mary's County*

**The Links Incorporated, Southern Maryland Chain Chapter – Community**  
**Mr. Mark Smith – Educator**

*Talbot County*

**Ms. Sally Woodall – Community**  
**Mr. Kim Tolbert – Educator**

*Washington County*

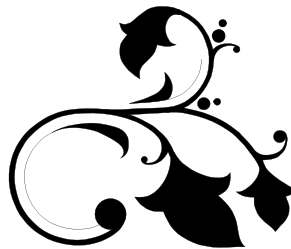
**Mrs. Carolyn Williams Brooks – Community**  
**Ms. Ellen Hayes – Educator**

*Wicomico County*

**Dr. Charlene Cooper-Boston – Educator**

*Worcester County*

**Salem-Bethany United Methodist & Macedonia Baptist Church – Community**  
**Mr. Patrick L. Henry – Educator**



# EXCELLENCE MERIT AWARDS 2002

The following individuals and groups have been nominated from their respective counties for their notable services to advance both personal and academic achievement among minority, low socio-economic, and disabled students. They are hereby recognized for their demonstrated dedication to children.

<b>Mr. Jermaine Anthony Ellerbe</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Ms. Sylvia Lorraine Washington</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Ms. Anita Williams</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>ESOL Department</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Mrs. Marcel Hall</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Ms. Joan Belt</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Ms. Karen West</b>	Baltimore County	Educator
<b>Ms. Aurora Pagulayan</b>	Carroll County	Educator
<b>Ms. Kathryn Brown</b>	Carroll County	Community
<b>Smallwood Guidance Counselor Team</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mr. Glenn Anderson</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mr. Cecil Marshall</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Ms. Viola J. Caldwell</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Barnhart's Special Areas Team</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mr. Michael Wilson</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mr. Junius Hanley</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mrs. Gladys White</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Ms. Frances Bryner</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Mr. Robert M. Pitts</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Ms. Barbara O'Dell</b>	Charles County	Educator
<b>Ms. Patrice Brown</b>	Harford County	Educator
<b>Mrs. Joyce Byrd</b>	Harford County	Community
<b>Ms. Erline Vaughan</b>	Montgomery County	Educator
<b>Mr. Brian Kaigler</b>	Montgomery County	Educator
<b>DELICADOS</b>	St. Mary's County	Community
<b>Mr. James Deaner</b>	Washington County	Community

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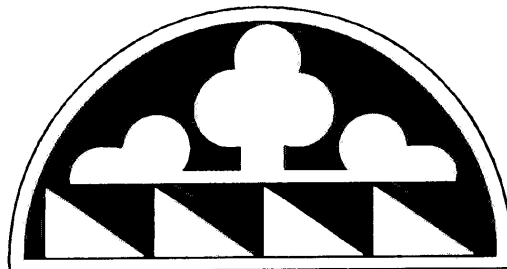
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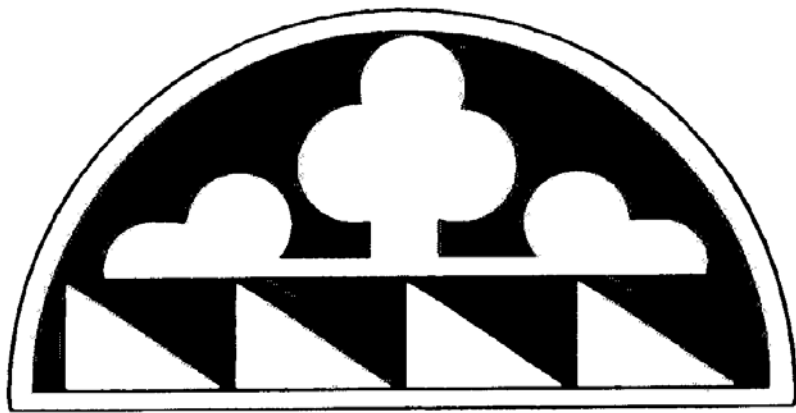
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